

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 20, 23, and 48 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claim 49 is new. Claims 1-49 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 44 and 45 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.759c), as being of improper dependent form. The Examiner has stated that claims 44 and 45 are duplicate claims. Applicant notes that claim 44 recites “time based” and claim 45 recites “timer based.” Support for claims 44 and 45 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 8, line 19 to page 9, line 4. It is therefore believed that claims 44 and 45 are in proper dependent form.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-48 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kou et al.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 1, Kou describes a user using a controller to select an input plug of a sink device and an output plug of a source device for providing a signal to the sink device. Kou teaches that each device stores state variables that identify the types of plugs available on that device. A controller queries the state variables to identify the connectable input and output plugs and displays this to the user for the user to select an input plug and an output plug. (column 8, lines 18-26 and column 9, lines 40-57). Kou does not describe “transmitting a second network event, wherein the second network event reflects a second change in the network state associated with the action,” as recited in claim 1. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 8, line 17 to page 11, line 14.

Claims 2-47 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claim 48 recites a system for carrying out the methods of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 48 is also allowable.

Claim 49 recites program code for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 49 is also allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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